

# Buzzin' Around Madrona



March 2009



## Safety Concerns

*Extra, Extra! Read all about it!*

Dear Parents,

I just want to thank each of you who are following our drop off and pick up routine at Madrona. We are noticing that many of you are thinking about not only your child's safety, but the safety of other drivers and their children as well! We appreciate that everyone is working hard to make sure the lines move forward and that each car has children ready to exit safely out of the car when it is their turn.

It is important that we all follow the driving laws as well as the school rules in order to make our parking lot a safe place to park in, drive through, and to pick up and drop off children. Please always make sure you have parked safely in the lot before leaving your car. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Title One funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title One funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, after school programs, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title One funding received at Madrona.

## Lost and Found

**Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name!** If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't they are placed in a small closet in the back of the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.



## Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111.

## No Child Left Behind

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Madrona Elementary School.



# Upcoming Fundraisers



Thanks to all of you who donated coins to the PTO coin drive. Overall, we collected over \$800.00! The money will be used to support our computer lab at Madrona. The top two fund raising classes, one primary and one upper grade will receive a special treat. Our D.L.P. class brought in the most money totaling \$142.79. Each class will be given a special treat. The winning primary class was Mrs. Strickler's class with a total of \$94.29, and Mrs. LaCombe's class for the upper grades with \$104.76. Coming up in March is our annual bulb drive. It will be held March 16<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also have a spring carnival coming in May. Please help our PTO by supporting the fundraisers, and/or by donating your time to help with activities. Remember that every single penny raised by PTO goes directly into making the Madrona learning experience for your child better and more exciting! So get behind these efforts and help us raise the funds to provide important things for our students.

Fifth grade will begin their annual candy sales on March 30<sup>th</sup> through the end of April. Those funds are used to help provide the Moving on Ceremony, class T shirts and funds for the annual fifth grade trip. We coordinate this fund raising effort so it does not conflict with PTO's efforts. We look forward to having a successful fund raising campaign for fifth grade as well. Thanks so much for your support!

We are collecting plastic grocery type bags for a special recycling program offered by Wal-Mart. Any day students may bring in empty plastic bags and turn them in. We earned over \$250 last year for our empty bags! Wow! This fundraiser ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>, so please bring in all you have soon!

Albertson's is offering to share a percentage of proceeds with schools through their Community Partners Program. Simply link Madrona's number (49000118317) to your regular Albertson's Preferred Savings Card, and they will send us a percentage of your purchases. You can register either by mail or online at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com) Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to sign up. This is another really easy way to help earn cash for your school. Please consider signing up!

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. Attached is a flyer with more information about both programs. In fact we have enough now to get a video camera for our school! So please don't throw those labels away. Check out the easy to save pages in the newsletter. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

# Mark Your Calendar



- March 2** - Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- March 2-6** - Celebrate our Classified Personnel week
- March 2-31** - OAKS State Assessment testing grades 3-5
- March 6** - Perfect Attendance Recess 1:00-1:30pm on the playground
- March 6** - Breakfast with the Principal 7:00-7:30am in the cafeteria
- March 10** - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester
- March 11** - No School - Clerical Day
- March 12** - PTO meeting in library 2:10 p.m. Hope to see you there!
- March 18** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- March 18** - Parent/Teacher Conferences (after school and evening)
- March 19** - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School - 7:00am - 7:00pm
- March 20** - No School
- March 23-27** - Spring Break, No School

# A Look Ahead



- April 3** - Perfect Attendance Recesses 1:20pm
- April 6** - Spring Pictures for K-3
- April 7** - Spring Pictures for K, 4, 5
- April 8** - Breakfast with the Principal 7-7:30am in the cafeteria
- April 9** - PTO Meeting 2:10pm in the library
- April 15** - Get America Singing 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip-Performing Arts Center GPHS
- April 16** - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
- April 23** - Third grade program 6:30-7:30pm in the gym
- April 24** - Progress Reports go home
- April 24** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym

# Public Web Site



You can visit us on-line to get up to date information anytime you wish. Please visit us at [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

# Counseling Services



As most of you know, we have two counselors that are part of a program under SOASTIC, and will be working in our school in a number of ways. Their names are Dee Dee Reich and Michelle Gallas. They will provide some individual and group counseling services. They also work in our classrooms utilizing programs such as Second Step and Steps to Respect, to help train our students on how to handle various social situations in safe and socially acceptable ways. They play games such as chess and checkers with students during lunch recess. Anytime there is a crisis they may be called in to help the students or staff involved. These are valuable services that will hopefully impact all students in a positive manner. It is our hope that if we give students help in learning important social skills now, they will be less likely to struggle with issues that could impact their learning and their personal happiness later. Please feel free to call the school office if you want further information about our counseling services.

# School Attendance

Thanks to all you parents who are faithful in getting your kids to school every day. It is an important message that children learn early in their lives that coming to school every day, on time, is critical to success. It will lead to success in their adult lives as well when they become part of the working world.

As always, I do support you in your decision to keep your child home when they are vomiting, have a severe headache, fever, sore throat, etc. I know that illnesses do hit, but encourage you to get your child back into school as soon as it is healthy for your child to do so. Thanks again for being prompt with notes or phone calls explaining the reason for your child's absence. That is a crucial step in helping us to keep kids in school and knowing why they are gone. Although some of you are excellent at notifying the teacher, it is also helpful if you would notify the office if your child has been absent. That way we don't spend your precious time calling you to find out that information. The teachers do not always have the time to talk to our office staff about absences. Thanks so much for your support of learning at Madrona!

## Book Character Day



On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Madrona Elementary Students and staff began celebrating the love of reading. It is Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, and in memory of the joy he has provided millions of children and adults through his books, our school joined in a day of fun reading activities. Millions of students across our nation participate in similar functions as part of a program called "Read Across America." No matter what the reason, we all need to be able to read, and developing a love of reading is important to all educators.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, our students enjoyed special reading games and activities in their classrooms. Then in the afternoon students and staff, dressed in their favorite character costumes, met in the gym to "strut their stuff"! It was a delightful, childlike day of fantasy and fun. Many parents joined to watch this event at Madrona. We also had special readers from our District Office to read with classes.

## Site Council

Our site council met on February 19<sup>th</sup> with our superintendent and other District Office personnel to discuss the impact of current economic downtrends on our future budgeting. More information will be forthcoming as actual dollar figures are supplied to our district by the Oregon Department of Education.

# Madrona Science Fair Winners!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Madison Larson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Dylan May

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Tonnie Hanks  
Shayla Lawson

**Honorable Mention** - Owen Stevens  
Jared Scherrer  
Zach Morris  
Tyoma Loginov

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Tyler Johnson  
Ashley Pearson  
Caleb Prince

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Ashley Pearson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Caleb Prince  
Bailey McGinnis

**Honorable Mention** - Jorden Riccatone  
Dorian Clem  
Hailey Pettijohn  
Aleah Torres  
Jaci Seago

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Cody Milburn

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Erika Simpson  
Alexandra May

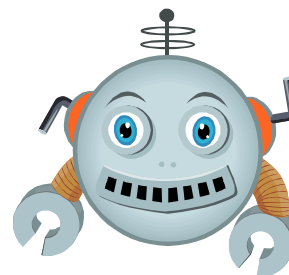
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Kitty Kurutz  
Brittany Haberman

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Jenelle Hurley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Kelsey Kieling

These are the results of the school judging of all projects that were submitted by students. All of our student and class projects went on to the district level. Those results are posted on the following page.



# District Science Fair Winners!

The results are in for the District Science Fair Winners! All students who entered a project were given a participation ribbon. Two different judges judged each project and then the two scores were tallied and averaged to determine the ribbon students received. The points for ribbons were as follows:

Gold=69-90; Silver=63-68; Bronze=54-62; Participation=53 and below. Additionally, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention award were given within each science category in which students entered their projects.

Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you for all your hard work, creativity, and for representing our school in a way that makes us proud. Yeah, Madrona Hornets!

## Individual Projects:

**Madison Larson - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Absorption of Water By Wood"  
Gold Award

**Place: Honorable Mention**

**Dylan May - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Paper Flight"

Bronze Award

**Ashley Pearson - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Going Bananas"

Silver Award

**Tyler Johnson - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Paper Airplanes - How Does Wingspan Affect Flight Distance?"

Bronze Award

**Place: Honorable Mention**

**Jenelle Hurley - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

"What Materials Grows Crystals the Most?"

Silver Award

**Cody Milburn - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

"What Cleans Motor Oil the Best?"

Silver Award

## Joint & Group Projects:

**Tyoma Loginov, Zach Morris, Jared Scherrer & Owen Stevens - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

"Meltdown"

Silver Award

**Shayla Lawson & Tonnie Hanks - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

"Rock or Country?"

Bronze Award

**Erika Simpson & Alexandra May - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

"Salty Ice Cubes"

Bronze Award

Good job Madrona Hornets! You always make us proud!





# Lifeskill Winners for January "Initiative"

## Kindergarten:

Calen Clem  
Kyle Curtis  
Conner Hyde  
Charlee Lilla-Bare  
Eric Hookland  
Autumm Rose  
Zachary Scott  
Leilani Verza

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Luke Boronda  
Riley Ortiz  
Tenley Williams  
Joredyn Wolfe  
Carlos Garcia

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Ashley Kowalski  
Michelle Larson  
Katie Sholes  
Robert Swanson  
Eva Bernard  
Brooklyn Hurd  
Lorelei McNally

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

August Gannett  
Brittany Haberman  
Laissi Traughber  
Autumn McLaughlin  
Brittany Murphy  
Anthony Brelinski  
Alex Canas  
Drew McMurren

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Dorian Clem  
Trajan Hurd  
Luke Nielsen  
Ashley Pearson  
Chris Davis  
Kali Henderson  
Ruben Martinez  
Kaley Morton

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Callie Hippler  
Kaleb Johnson  
Leiya Ravencroft  
Gabe Young  
Tara Klose  
Kim Kuykendall  
Zach Morris  
Owen Stevens

## Math Masters for January

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Erika Simpson

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

K.J. Frankel  
Hailey Pettijohn

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Callie Hippler

# Lifeskill Winners for February "Responsibility"

## Kindergarten:

Jada Hurley  
Ricci Mendes  
Madeline Terpening  
Austin Verner  
Arora Davis  
Eric Hookland  
Maliah Obien  
Selah Sandys

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Riley Arnold  
Vance Milburn  
Tanner Noble  
Madison Young  
Thor Scheefer

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Brianna Casperson  
Jenelle Hurley  
Kelsey Kieling  
Brianna Stark  
Hope Gettys  
Grace Satterfield  
Duane Spicer

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Kenny Bigham  
Jonathan Goode  
Lilly Melvin  
Jesse Oachs  
Zach Hanson  
Aubrey Richner  
Mattia Sakraida  
Dylan Stenberg

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Tyler Cook  
Alexis Sanders  
Reed Sandys  
Zach Smith  
Dorian Clem  
Kelby Keeley  
Koey Kreiss  
Angelica Quevedo

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Madison Larson  
Tanner Prince  
Leiya Ravencroft  
Nick Stark  
Brandon Green  
Sam Heath  
Christina Nielsen  
Noah Nutting

## Math Masters for February

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Jenelle Hurley  
Brianna Stark

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Kasey Copeland  
Taylor Decker  
Aubrey Richner

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Alexis Sanders  
Kaley Morton

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Leiya Ravencroft

# Accelerated Reader Achievements for January 2009

## **Independent**

Kenny Bigham  
August Curran  
Jonathan LaCombe  
Michelle Larson  
Garrett McGinnis  
Brycen Stevens

## **Super Reader**

Lucas Nielsen  
David Pitts  
Isaac Simonian

## **Super Reader 2**

Jared Anderson  
Jennifer Mason  
Nicholas Spangle  
Laissi Traugher

## **Super Reader 3**

Aleah Torres  
Sam Waterhouse

## **Advanced Reader**

August Gannett  
Lexi Guzman  
Jenelle Hurley  
Brittany Murphy  
Christopher Pearson  
Caleb Prince  
Angelica Quevedo  
Leiya Ravencroft  
Jordan Riccatone  
Aubrey Richner  
Glenn Rossi  
Emily Schiavone  
Brianna Stark

## **Advanced Reader 2**

Andrew Aguilar  
Trajan Hurd  
Lillian Melvin  
Makayla Watts

## **Advanced Reader 3**

Kadie Fowler  
Christian Hill

## **Star Reader**

Kali Henderson

## **Star Reader 2**

Kaley Morton  
Owen Stevens  
Kevin Willaman

## **Star Reader 3**

Gabe McLaughlin  
Ashley Pearson

# ***Community Corner***

## ***Storytime Theater Presents...***

### **FREE PLAYS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

The first Saturday of every month, the actors of Storytime Theater put on a play for young children.

10 am at 111 Evelyn Street in Grants Pass.

The plays are interactive and include music, dance and lots of fun.

Crafts and activities are offered after the play. There is also a book exchange program.

Next Play: THE JUNGLE BOOK March 7

## **Grants Pass Family YMCA**

### **Winter & Spring 2009 Youth Activities**

Guides are available in the office. Have your student pick one up, or come in and see us!